

City of Blue Lake  
City Council  
Skinner Store—111 Greenwood Road—Blue Lake  
July 11, 2017  
Regular City Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Adelene Jones, Bobbi Ricca, Summer Daugherty, Jean Lynch

Councilmembers Absent: Elizabeth Mackay

Staff Present: City Manager Amanda Mager

**Approve Agenda**

Daugherty/Ricca *moved to approve the agenda with the following changes: After 3. Public Input, take items 6. Consent Agenda—d. Letter to Humboldt County Supervisors Regarding Cannabis Environmental Impact Report; 5. Marketing for Blue Lake Business Park (Discussion/Direction); 4. Budget Approval Fiscal Year 2017/2018, and then follow with the rest of the agenda.* Motion passed unanimously with one absence.

**Public Input**

Mayor Jones invited public input. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Jones closed Public Input.

**Consent Agenda—d. Letter to Humboldt County Supervisors Regarding Cannabis Environmental Impact Report**

Mike Wilson, Humboldt County 3rd District Supervisor, appeared before the Council and told them he thought the letter was great. He encouraged the Council to be more proactive by calling his office or emailing him directly with any questions related to this issue. He explained that within the City's sphere of influence, there were currently three applications for commercial cannabis permits and he showed the Councilmembers the location of those on a map.

The Councilmembers asked several questions that Supervisor Wilson answered.

Mayor Jones invited public comment.

Michael Jewell asked if there was a 1,000-foot buffer zone between any cannabis operation and the City limits.

Supervisor Wilson replied that he thought it was 8,000 feet and/or the sphere of influence.

Cindy Trobitz expressed her concern that the cannabis industry could be a bubble and asked if there were plans for all the cannabis-industry buildings and businesses to be converted if that bubble popped.

Supervisor Wilson said there was currently no planning for the bubble popping. He surmised the first bubble that would pop would be land values.

The Councilmembers and City Manager Mager asked several more questions which Supervisor Wilson answered.

Ricca/Lynch *moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the final letter for submission to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and County Planning staff with the following addition to the letter: "We respectfully ask to be notified if a commercial cannabis application is submitted within Blue Lake's sphere of influence."* Motion passed unanimously with one absence.

**Marketing for Blue Lake Business Park (Discussion/Direction)**

Michael Jewell, Chair of the Economic Development Commission, appeared before the Council and gave an overview of the Commission's recent work. He said its main areas of focus had been 1) the industrial park and 2) historic Blue Lake. In the industrial park, they recommended a name change to Powers Creek District. The Commission had discussed signage, worked on development of a multi-use/residential model, discussed using a Local Economic Advisory Program (LEAP), was awaiting the receipt of a Technical Analysis, worked on the establishment

of criteria for desirable business types, drafted a survey for existing businesses, and had met with the Co-Op to discuss its desire to expand into Blue Lake. Regarding historic Blue Lake, Chairperson Jewell said the Commission had discussed signage, surveyed potential sites for expansion, worked with existing owners of sites, and discussed the future of the Red Radish, Stardoughs, and Emporium. He reported that, generally, the Commission was exploring starting a dialogue with the Casino, Dell'Arte, Korbel, and the power plant; and wished to develop a mission statement for itself.

Mayor Jones invited public comment. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Jones closed the public comment period.

*By general consensus, the Council requested minutes of the Economic Development Commission be included in the Council's agenda packets.*

### **Budget Approval Fiscal Year 2017/2018**

City Manager Mager told the Council that page 3, Salary Plan for FY 2016/2017, should not have been included in their packet and they should disregard it. She said the projected shortfall for the coming year would be less than it was in the prior year, but the prior year's shortfall was eliminated by collection of arrears from Blue Lake Power and some Measure Z funding for law enforcement. She said this year the City would have to keep Blue Lake Power current, but would still have a shortfall for law enforcement funding.

*Ricca/Daugherty moved to adopt Resolution No. 1097, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017, and Ending June 30, 2018, and Finding the Budget to be within the Appropriations Limit Required by Article XIII B of the California Constitution.* Motion passed unanimously.

*Daugherty/Ricca moved to adopt Resolution No. 1096, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Fixing Compensation for Employees for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, as represented with Attachment A in the packet.* Motion passed unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes from June 13, 2017**
- b. Minutes from June 27, 2017**
- c. Authorize Request for Active Transportation Program (ATP) State Funding for the Blue Lake Annie & Mary Trail, Phase I Project**

Lynch removed item c from the Consent Agenda.

*Ricca/Daugherty moved to adopt Consent Agenda items a and b.* Motion passed unanimously with one absence.

### **Consent Agenda—c. Authorize Request for Active Transportation Program (ATP) State Funding for the Blue Lake Annie & Mary Trail, Phase 1 Project.**

City Manager Mager said that last year Blue Lake had applied for funding from the Active Transportation Program for Phase I of the Annie & Mary Trail, but it was not funded. Blue Lake had now been asked to resubmit its application and it sounded like there might be a good chance for funding this time. She asked the Council to approve the resubmittal of the funding request.

Councilmember Lynch said she had heard on the news that the Department of Transportation was demanding the North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) submit either a business plan or a shut-down plan. She said it was her understanding that if a railroad shut down, the property underlying its easements would revert back to the original property owner. She expressed her concern this may happen with the Annie & Mary Trail.

Mayor Jones said she didn't think that would impede the City from applying for the funding.

*Daugherty/Ricca moved to authorize the funding request to the State of California's Active Transportation Program and authorize the Mayor or the City Manager to sign all relevant documents.* Motion passed unanimously with one absence.

### **Information Only—a. Codification: List of Ordinances to be Removed and Update of Timeline**

City Manager Mager said the list of ordinances to be deleted was being provided to the Council on an informational basis only.

### **Reports from Council and Staff**

Councilmember Daugherty said she would be attending meetings of the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission and the Humboldt Waste Management Authority. She spoke of the difficulty she had been having locating and attending meetings of the Mad River Alliance. She said she would try to attend their meetings quarterly.

Councilmember Lynch reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Public Safety Commission.

Mayor Jones said she would be attending an upcoming meeting of the Humboldt County Association of Governments. She reported that the Chamber of Commerce cleared \$1,000 at Annie & Mary Days.

### **Future Agenda Items**

The Council suggested the following items for future agendas:

- City Manager's Report
- Adoption of the name Powers Creek District
- Economic Development Commission minutes
- A map of commercial cannabis permits in the County and in Blue Lake's sphere of influence
- Councilmember liaison assignments
- List of questions for Humboldt County 3rd District Supervisor Mike Wilson
- Report from the Safety Committee's walkabout
- City financials

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Daugherty/Lynch *moved to adjourn the meeting*. Motion passed unanimously with one absence. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Bridget Dory, Recording Secretary  
City Clerk, City of Arcata